

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

According to an aspect of the invention, a hybrid power supply includes an interface between a fuel cell system and a fuel cartridge or battery and a switching type DC/DC boost type converter coupled to the interface and which receives energy from a fuel cell or from an external battery connected to the interface, and which is arranged to deliver the energy to a rechargeable cell, the DC/DC converter configured to provide substantially constant current drain from the fuel cell.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 1, a portable powered, electronic device 12 (hereafter device 12) is shown. The device 12 includes a housing 11, having a compartment 14 to house an energy source (not shown) and a door 16 to enclose the compartment. The device 12 also includes an interconnect 20 disposed in the compartment 14 to interface either a battery source of power, e.g., primary or secondary, e.g., rechargeable batteries 46 or a fuel cartridge that supplies a source of fuel (a form of hydrogen) to a fuel cell (not shown). While the door 16 is shown pivoting along a side of the compartment that is perpendicular to the interconnect 20, in some embodiments it may be desirable to access the compartment from the side opposite the interconnect 20 to permit easy insertion of batteries and fuel cartridges.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line ⁷~~6~~ with the following amended KW 8/16/07
paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 2A, interconnect 20 provides an interface between a fuel cell 22 and a fuel cartridge or battery (not shown). The ~~interface 20~~ interconnect 20 has appropriate mating fittings ~~32~~ (e.g., contacts spring-loaded battery terminal contacts 34a, 34b and interface port 32) to allow a fuel cartridge (not shown) to connect to the ~~interface 20~~ interconnect 20 and deliver